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**M = Marie; E = Esther**

**M:** So what happens exactly?

**E:** Well, the ceremony begins with preparation of the henna. It’s traditional for this to be done by the daughter of a couple who have had a successful marriage themselves. Then, after the bride’s head has been covered in a red veil, her hands and feet are decorated with henna. After that, a gold coin is put into the remaining henna. While this is happening, the guests sing … umm … separation songs – these are rather sad, as you can imagine. The party continues well into the night. Then, on the morning of the wedding, a child presents the hennaed coin to the groom as a symbol of future prosperity and good fortune.